

(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) announced today a \$2,473,022 Federal grant has been awarded to the Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc. by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. The Community Council of Southwest Texas program provides comprehensive child development services to Uvalde children and families with a special focus on developing early math and reading, skills key to later success in school.

"The \$2.47 million Federal grant will give our community a tremendous opportunity to provide high quality early childhood education for Uvalde children," said Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez. "As a former educator and social worker, I saw first-hand how quality early childhood education often translates to future success for the child and family. I will continue to work hard to secure Federal funds for Uvalde and early childhood education across the district so we can all have the necessary resources to ensure the highest quality education for our youth. "

Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Head Start programs engage parents in their children's learning and help them in making progress toward their educational, literacy and employment goals. Significant emphasis is placed on the involvement of parents, according to the Department of Health & Human Services.

For more information or assistance with Federal grants, please contact Congressman Rodriguez's Congressional Office at 1-866-915-3493.

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